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Red Carpet Rollout

This week Whiteman welcomes ...

Lori Hauser-Holden

Missouri's First Lady

U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton

Missouri's 4th District

U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi

House Minority Leader

Maj. Gen. Leroy Barnidge

Secretary of the Air Force Legislative Liaison

News in Brief

Three captains selected for ISS

Three 509th Bomb Wing members were selected for Intermediate Development Education, formerly known as Intermediate Service School. They are:

Capt. Kristin Goodwin, 325th Bomb Squadron,

Capt. Christopher Larson, 509th Operations

Support Squadron, and

Capt. Alex Mezynski, 393rd BS.

509th MSG change of command set

Col. Gary Finchum assumes command of the 509th Mission Support Group from Col. Keith McDonald at 8 a.m. today in the 442nd Fighter Wing's five-bay hangar. A reception takes place at Mission's End after the ceremony. For more details, call Maj. Trish Stiner, 509th Mission Support Squadron commander, at 687-3659.

Channel 99 shows AF TV News

The base access channel airs Air Force Television News at 5:30 and 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. weekdays. The channel is only available on base on cable channel 99 on digital or analog service.

Whiteman Spirit now online

The base newspaper is available online at <http://www.whiteman.af.mil>. The latest edition is updated weekly. Past editions will be archived on the News page. Adobe Acrobat is required to view the paper.

ADC closes for a week

The Area Defense Counsel office is closed Monday-Jan. 31. In case of emergency, call the command post at 687-3778.

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Weather

Saturday

Mostly cloudy



H 39°
L 21°

Sunday

Cloudy



H 31°
L 25°

For more complete weather information, visit <https://www.whiteman.af.mil/509oss/oss/index.htm>. Courtesy of 509th OSS/OSW



Photos by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Whiteman honor guard members Senior Airman Sonja Parks, Senior Airman Brandon Roggow, Airman 1st Class Geno Lucero and Airman 1st Class Xia Thao prepare to post the colors for a retirement ceremony.

New core competencies announced

By Master Sgt. Scott Elliott

Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The Air Force's senior leaders introduced the service's new approach to describing its core competencies this week.

Secretary of the Air Force James Roche and Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper made this announcement in two separate messages to all airmen. Roche released his first "The Secretary's Vector" Jan. 14, while Jumper's latest "Chief's Sight Picture" was published Jan. 15.

The competencies are developing airmen, technology-to-warfighting and integrating operations. According to Roche, these three elements are fundamental to how the Air Force views itself, how it is viewed by leaders and colleagues, and how the service develops its capabilities for joint warfighting.

"These unique institutional qualities set the Air Force apart from the other services and every other military force in the world," Roche said in The Secretary's Vector. "By identifying and keeping these competencies foremost in our vision, we can more effectively advance these unique capabilities, as well as the ultimate effects we provide to the nation."

These core competencies are not new, Jumper said in the Chief's Sight Picture.

"Rather, they are the unique institutional qualities inherent in everything we've done and continue to do," he said.

Core competencies form the foundation upon which the Air Force organizes, trains and equips, and form the cornerstones of the service's strength as a military service, Roche said.

Previously, the service had distilled its areas of expertise into the following six distinct capabilities and labeled them



Staff Sgt. Heather Yacobozzi, First-Term Airmen Center, inspects troops during roll call.

core competencies: air and space superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority and agile combat support.

According to the secretary and chief of staff, the Air Force's very nature of developing and delivering air and space power are at the root of the need to recognize these core competencies.

"Our systems may change, our threats may vary, our tactics may evolve and our people may come and go, but these three core competencies remain the constants that define our Air Force and enable us to fight and win America's wars," Jumper said.

Of the three air and space core competencies, the secretary and chief of staff said developing airmen is the heart of

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Commander's Corner

By Col. Doug Raaberg
509th Bomb Wing Commander

Let me tell you, it's great to be back at Whiteman! I've been TDY to Nellis Air Force Base, Nev., for the last few weeks, so I haven't had the opportunity to welcome you to the New Year.

I expect this to be a landmark year for the wing. We did extraordinary things last year and I have no doubt that we will continue to hit new heights this year.

Today, we say farewell to the outgoing 509th Mission Support Group commander — Col. Keith McDonald and his wife, Martha. Thank you for all your time and energy — Whiteman is a better place to live and work because of your hard work and commitment to the men and women of this wing.

I'd also like to welcome the new 509th MSG commander — Col. Gary Finchum and his wife, Lynn. They come to us from the Indian National Defense College in New Delhi, India. He is taking the reins of the largest group on base with more than 1,000 people performing a wide variety of missions for the wing. Welcome to the team Gary and Lynn, we're glad to have

you here and look forward to the MSG's continued success.

Congratulations go out to Capt. Kristin Goodwin, Chris Larson and Alex Mezynski who were selected as candidates to attend intermediate developmental education — formerly known as intermediate service school — in-residence. Keep up the good work!

Oh, by the way ... tax season is here. You have an extremely valuable service at your convenience in the Tax Assistance Office. Last year, they did an extraordinary job helping put together tax returns and answering the countless questions that poured into their office. Don't hesitate to get the expert's help. Ask your unit tax representative for more information about this free service.

We had some extremely cold temperatures these last couple of days. Ensure your people have all the cold-weather gear they need. For the units that regularly work outside, this is especially critical. Our security forces, maintainers and civil engineers are just some of the troops who are out there day and night fighting the elements to keep the mission on track. Supervisors, let's make sure we're doing our part to keep our



people safe — get them what they need.

The 509th continues to support the war on terrorism with almost 400 people deployed all around the world. Continue to provide the support structure to the families left behind, letting them know you're there if they need you.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Senior Airman Justin Falcon relays weather information to a pilot and logs the information on a Pilot to Metro Service log. Falcon is a member of the 509th Operations Support Squadron Weather Flight.

Committing to serve others helps improve mission

By Maj. Scott Ross
509th Services Squadron Commander

Service. What does it mean to you? If you haven't really given it any thought, then please take some time to consider that question.

The answer, and whether or not you live that answer, could completely change your life and the lives of countless Americans. No matter who you are, you're a key member of Team Whiteman and the most powerful Air Force in the world!

Being in the 509th Services Squadron, every day I think about service and what it means to me. I expect squadron members to keep service foremost in their mind in everything they do. As I visit our activities and walk about the base, I see and hear examples of great service that makes me proud to be part of this squadron.

I also watch all of you. Everyone is responsible for serving others every day. It's really invigorating in the early morning to see a security forces troop standing in the bitter cold with a warm greeting and a sharp salute. I'm sure everyone appreciates the assistance finance and military personnel flight members give, because they keep our pay and promotions on track. Although I don't actually see the great service many of you perform on the flight line, I see the results each time a jet takes off.

No matter the group you belong to or your position on base, we're all here to serve. This is the spirit that moves Whiteman Air Force Base. It's people taking care of people so we can all take care of the vital mission we support.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Rusty Bain, Airman 1st Class Shawanda Draper and Maj. Scott Ross, 509th Services Squadron, serve Ellen Phillips and her children, Jodi, Heath and Carter, at the Ozark Inn dining facility.

Let's commit to live this spirit of service every day. Doing this means banishing the selfish "what's in it for me" mentality that can creep into your head, especially during extremely difficult and frustrating times. It means living the core value of Service Before Self.

When I go back to my hometown to visit my family, I

can hear the pride in my parents' voices when they tell their friends that I'm in the service. Your parents probably feel the same way about you. Many of them grew up in a time when the respect associated with joining the military and serving your country was at an all-time high. The price of freedom was also high, and those stepping forward to defend America and the Constitution were highly honored for their commitment and bravery. Serving in the military was a calling, not just a job.

Today, we have more enemies than ever before. Some are very known and outspoken while others are faceless and sly. Many of you have courageously deployed into harm's way more than once to do your duty. Others of you have not, but stand ready to be called. For you, serving in the military is still a calling and I salute you.

Many Whiteman members have deployed and their families remain here. In the coming weeks, more may go. If you go, serve well. If you stay, take care of your customers and those around you with pride and respect.

Get out and about. Be active and participate. Search for the many opportunities here to serve. Seek out the company of other Whiteman family members. Know and enjoy the people you work with in supporting Whiteman's vital mission, whether they're in your work center or not. Your involvement could brighten someone's day, help solve a problem or even save a life.

Think about service. Know what it means to you. Live each day with an attitude that makes you deserving of the Whiteman Spirit Award. Your Whiteman family deserves it. Your country demands it.

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For more information, call the *Whiteman Spirit* office at 687-6133, fax us at 687-7948, e-mail: whiteman.spirit@whiteman.af.mil or write to us at:

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Shoppette clerk Valerie Marin stocks ice cream. Her spouse is Airman 1st Class Mariano Marin, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Shoppette to receive face-lift

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick
Public Affairs

Soon, picking out a video rental or getting that morning cup of coffee at the shoppette will be a more enjoyable experience.

Starting Monday, the shoppette undergoes a \$150,000 facelift. The improvements will give the facility a more modern style and brighter appearance. Among them, interior walls will be made brighter, and new flooring and lighting installed to the nearly 11-year-old building.

Corie Suiter, shoppette branch manager, said customers will be impressed with the results.

"Everybody will be amazed at the change," said Suiter. "You won't believe the difference. The store will be

so bright."

The renovations are being done by regional Army and Air Force Exchange Service employees to bring the shoppette up to new AAFES standards. The standards exist to ensure facilities have an equal or better look than comparable civilian retailers.

To comply with the new standards will take about 30 days once the project is started. The store will remain open, but customers may notice some interruptions, said Suiter. Customers can expect to see periodic scrambled merchandise and equipment used for the renovations.

"We get a high volume of traffic," said Suiter. "It wears down the building. It's just time for a facelift."

Reservations will be confined to the building's interior.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Senior Airman Donny Popham, 509th Communications Squadron, checks the exchange server to ensure the size limits of mail boxes are within the new 100-megabyte limit.

Delete those e-mails

By 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick
Public Affairs

At 4 p.m. today, your military Microsoft Outlook e-mail may cease to work.

Air Combat Command directed wing network control centers to implement users to 25/50/100 megabyte limits on user accounts on the exchange server.

The new limits are:

- ✓ 25 megabytes of storage will give a warning of approaching the limit.
- ✓ 50 megabytes will stop outgoing messages until storage is less than 50 megabytes.
- ✓ 100 megabytes will stop ingoing and outgoing messages until less than 100 megabytes.

"The best way to avoid reaching these limits is to create a personal folder on your computer's hard drive," said 2nd Lt. Eric Paulikonis, 509th Communications Squadron. "This will allow you to store as much data as your hard drive can support."

Instructions on how to create a personal folder is available on shared drives at \\szl-fs-01\\bw-sharedapps\\PSTInstructions. Unit workgroup managers can help create a personal folder. Members can also call the NCC at 687-5666 for more assistance or questions regarding this change.

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combat capability.

"The ultimate source of combat capability resides in the men and women of the Air Force," Roche said. "The values of strategy, technology and organization are diminished without professional airmen to leverage their attributes."

Technology-to-warfighting involves the tools of combat capability.

"We combine the tremendous technological advancements of stealth, global communications connectivity, global positioning, and more, to put cursors on targets and steel on the enemy," Jumper said. "It is our unique ability to apply various technologies in unison so effectively that allows us to translate our air and space power vision into decisive operational capability."

They believe integrating operations means maximizing combat capabilities.

"Innovative operational concepts and the efficient integration of all military systems — air, land, maritime, space and information — ensures maximum flexibility in the delivery of desired effects across the spectrum of conflict," Roche said.

According to Jumper, victory in the 21st century belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe.

"This is precisely what our Joint and Combined Air Operations Centers achieve," he said. "The result, integrated operations, is our unique ability to ... bring effects on the enemy at times

and places of our choosing."

By continually striving toward the air and space core competencies, they said, the Air Force will realize the potential of its capabilities.

"We can achieve success in these six distinctive capabilities only if we're first successful in our three (air and space) core competencies," Jumper said. "Only then do we bring the decisive effects of air and space power into joint warfighting."

"Collectively, the air and space core competencies reflect the visions of the founders of airpower ... and serve to realize the potential of air and space forces," Roche said.

"Our continued focus on and nurturing of these core competencies will enable us to remain the world's greatest air and space force," he said.

Korean War History

Jan. 25, 1953 — Operation Smack — The 31st Infantry Regiment and 7th Infantry Division form an assault on Spud Hill.



Sortie board



Monthly

Goal
Flown

B-2
535.0
331.7

A-10
280.0
216.5

T-38
297.5
174.2



Fiscal year

Goal
Flown

B-2
6,350.0
2,036.1

A-10
3,870.0
1,242.2

T-38
4,200.0
1,109.0



Information current as of Wednesday and is provided by the 509th Operations Support Squadron and 303rd Fighter Squadron scheduling and documentation offices.

B-2 returns to the skies after modification work

By Leigh Anne Bierstine

Air Force Flight Test Center Public Affairs

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — The B-2 Spirit is back in the sky above Edwards after spending most of the last year undergoing modification work designed to bring the bomber up to speed with its operational counterparts.

The only B-2 at Edwards, the *Spirit of New York*, was the third bomber built out of the Air Force's fleet of 21. The aircraft successfully returned to the air in December after the Global Power Bomber Combined Test Force here completed the modification work, which began in January 2002. The test force includes military test experts from the 419th Flight Test Squadron as well as those from government contractor Northrop Grumman.

According to Guy Mills, B-2 project manager here, the work focused on refurbishing and upgrading the fuel cells of the aircraft. The fuel cells of the Edwards' B-2 were never built to Block 30 or fleet standards. The downtime was an opportunity to modify the aircraft's fuel tanks from their pre-production state to full production configuration.

Bringing the B-2 test aircraft in line with the Air Force's operational fleet at Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., is benefiting the nation's warfighting ability, said Mills. The multi-role bomber's low-observable, or "stealth," characteristics give it the unique ability to penetrate an enemy's most sophisticated defenses and threaten its most valued, and heavily defended, targets.

"If there was a large contingency operation and Air Combat Command needed this B-2, the aircraft would now be in the proper basic configuration, and we could turn it over to them sooner for warfighting purposes," said Mills.

To support the extensive upgrade, the B-2 hangar was turned into a fuel cell environment, which required bringing in a fuel vapor extraction system. In addition,

fuel cell technicians and structural experts from across the base were brought in to assist the bomber CTF during the year long upgrade. The integrated team disassembled many of the leading edges and surfaces of the aircraft in order to perform the modifications.

"This was a large transformation of both the aircraft and the hangar," said Mills. "It's amazing that such a big jet can be taken apart, put back together and then fly so well."

Mills expects the upgrade to bring many advantages to the B-2 test program here. The work cleaned up some pre-production deficiencies and is expected to reduce false alarms in the cockpit associated with the older fuel system. Additional modifications also reduced the potential for lightning strikes to do damage to the aircraft, added Mills.

The small number of B-2 bombers in the Air Force inventory is a constant in the minds of the test team members.

"Because there are only 21 B-2s, it's especially important that we take care of them," Mills said. "That means doing the best job we can with our safety planning whether we are performing modifications or actual flight tests. This aircraft is a national asset and we never forget that."

With the modification work finished, the aircraft was officially transferred from Northrop Grumman to the Air Force for configuration control Dec. 20. The transfer gives the Air Force full responsibility for aircraft maintenance except for those prototype-upgraded systems still under test.

Flight tests on the B-2 will resume with a tightly compacted test schedule through 2009, said Mills. Upcoming projects include satellite communications testing designed to equip the B-2 with enhanced beyond line-of-sight communications capability and the testing of a smart bomb rack assembly, which will allow for the integration of the Joint Direct Attack Munition-82 onto the B-2.



Senior Airman Tom Corona lowers the cluge hose to Airman 1st Class Tony Richardson. They are members of the 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Gold Flight.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Staff Sgt. Jim Coburn, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Gold Flight, installs the cooling air support system to the B-2 *Spirit of Indiana*. When the B-2 *Spirit of New York* is at Whiteman, members of the 509th AMXS Gold Flight ensure it's ready to fly at a moment's notice.



Airman 1st Class Ricardo Avila, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Gold Flight, manually closes the right weapons bay door to prepare for the rotary launcher assembly download.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Holy plow!

Airman 1st Class Phillip Griffin, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, removes snow from the flight line. The snow removal team ensures base roadways are clear for safe driving during inclement weather.

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Photo by 2nd Lt. Ed Gulick

Ephedra free

Tech. Sgt. Melanie Weems, 509th Services Squadron, looks at information for nutritional supplements. The Whiteman fitness center and base exchange pulled products containing ephedra from their shelves in November. Products containing the substance were pulled after the Air Force Surgeon General issued a statement strongly advising members to contact their health care provider before taking supplements containing Ma Huang, ephedra or ephedra alkaloids.

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PCS moves

Officer assignments move beyond 'seven-day option'

By Maj. John Thomas

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

AIR FORCE PERSONNEL CENTER — Following Secretary of the Air Force guidance, personnel officials reviewed and improved what was called the "seven-day option" policy.

Those officers who would be eligible to separate or retire instead of taking an assignment will now get more decision time and a general officer's review of the assignment before having to make a potentially career-ending decision. In the past, these officers were given seven days to apply to leave the Air Force.

After intense study of the processes that lead up to those critical decisions, personnel officials made changes that will result in more formal communication earlier in the process between assignment teams, commanders and the affected officer. This will let members and the Air Force make the best possible decisions on potential moves.

Before an officer leaves the Air Force as a result of a permanent change of station-related decision, a general officer will ensure it's the right decision for the individual and for the Air Force, said Maj. Gen. Thomas O'Riordan, AFPC commander.

How do you feel about the new policy?

1st Lt. J.J. Jones
509th Operations Group

"I don't think one percent of officers who took the seven-day option was enough of a problem to warrant changing the policy. But, I do agree that looking at the big picture of the assignment process prior to the selection process will benefit the Air Force's overall retention rate. I don't know anyone who has taken the seven-day option.

However, I have known situations in which two equally qualified applicants have put in for two separate duty locations only to end up getting the assignment the other applicant wanted. With the new reviewing process, these types of scenarios may be a thing of the past. I'm relatively sure most of us didn't join the Air Force because of a certain assignment preference; we joined to serve our country. The bottom line is that the needs of the Air Force should and will always come first."

Capt. Gary Pillow
509th Mission Support Group

"I believe it's a smart move that will enhance our Air Force capabilities. The ability to work each situation as it arises provides the flexibility necessary to retain an experienced officer while continuing to address the criti-

cal man power needs of our Air Force. Active involvement from senior leadership will cultivate the mentorship process, and ensure the officer has a formal forum to discuss career options and reach the right decision for both parties. I applaud the proactive approach and appreciate the new guidance as we continue to evolve our Air Force culture to meet the man power needs of the future. Man power is our most precious resource and the key linchpin to making our Air Force the most professional and respected in the world."

Capt. Jason Brown
509th Maintenance Group

"Needs of the Air Force come first sounds a lot like service before self. I hope the extra care taken is worth winning some of that one percent of officers who would typically express the intention to leave instead of taking an assignment, while the other 99 percent practice the Air Force core values. The Air Force needs to hold on to people to accomplish the mission, but 99 motivated airmen can easily pull the workload of 100 individuals."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp



Quick stop

Above: An E-6B prepares for take off. Whiteman serves as a transient facility for a wide variety of Department of Defense aircraft on various training missions. Earlier this week, the aircraft from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., made a short stop here while conducting a normal training mission.

Left: Senior Airman Christine Weir, 509th Security Forces Squadron, removes an entry control sign before the E-6B taxis. The E-6B is a communications relay and strategic airborne command post aircraft. It provides survivable, reliable and endurable airborne command, control and communications between the National Command Authority, and U.S. strategic and non-strategic forces.

Whiteman Spirit Award



Senior Airman Phillip Shelite
509th Security Forces Squadron

Senior Airman Phillip Shelite received the Whiteman Spirit Award from Col. Ned Schoeck, 509th Bomb Wing vice commander, Jan 17.

Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Page, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, nominated Shelite for the award.

While en route to a call concerning an airman with suicidal ideas, Page came upon a serious accident. He stopped to render assistance.

"I needed help ASAP," said Page. "So I called the Whiteman law enforcement desk and got Airman Shelite."

Page explained to Shelite that he needed help.

Shelite immediately contacted the Missouri Highway Patrol and Johnson County Sheriff's Department to respond, said Page.

He also made contact with the central dispatch center to send an ambulance.

"Airman Shelite showed professionalism and quick thinking in getting me help when I desperately needed it," said Page. "He's always been a consummate professional and represents the Air Force in such a positive way. His quick actions helped save a life that morning."

Personally Speaking

Duty title: Law enforcement desk sergeant

Time in service: 3 years, 5 months

Time in station: 2 years

Hometown: Buhler, Kan.

Spouse: Jamie Lynn

Children: Taylor, 2

Goals: To be as good or better than the law enforcement NCOs that trained me.

Hobbies: Hunting and fishing.

Pet Peeves: When people speed through housing.

Best thing about Whiteman: The friends that I have made.

What motivates your winning spirit? Being a patrolman and making the K-9 selection board.

If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be? I would like to see a safer traffic system into Spirit Gate.



Civilian Employee of the Week

Andre Thomas, 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office, was nominated for this award by co-worker Master Sgt. John Vassallo. As the court reporter, Thomas records and transcribes courts-martial transcripts. "Whiteman is fortunate in that we have very few courts-martials," Vassallo said. "Andre regularly volunteers to assist other bases with heavier case loads. His efforts are lauded by military judges and staff judge advocates wherever he serves."

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Tax office offers assistance

The Whiteman Air Force Base Tax Assistance Office opens for business Feb. 3. Operating hours are 8 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays. The office is located in Bldg. 705 at 930 Arnold Ave. in the 509th Bomb Wing Visitor Work Center entrance.

Taxpayers can call the tax office at 687-3800 beginning Monday to schedule an appointment for tax assistance. Electronic filing of tax returns begins Feb. 3.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance representatives are available to help taxpayers prepare 2002 tax returns. Volunteers are only trained to assist with 1040 E-Z, 1040A and basic 1040 forms. Besides VITA volunteers, most squadrons have one or more unit tax representatives available to help squadron members.

The unit tax representatives are:

509th Bomb Wing — Tech. Sgts. Theresa McDaniels and Mark Pickett, and Staff Sgt. Paulette Tate and Andre Thomas

509th Mission Support Group — Chief Master Sgt. Robert Niswonger

509th Maintenance Group — Tech. Sgt. Deborah Garcia

509th Operations Group — Debbie Galindo

509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron — Tech. Sgts. James Laughlin and Reginald Nelson, and Staff Sgt. Jayson Baros

509th Comptroller Squadron — Master Sgt. Christine Fausnight

509th Contracting Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Sue Myers

509th Mission Support Squadron — Capt. Romero Reid

509th Civil Engineer Squadron — Master Sgt. Thomas Carrigan, Senior Airmen Benjamin Heisel and Kendra Hoven-Temple, and Airman 1st Class Zachariah

Giguere

509th Services Squadron — 2nd Lt Rosanna Wadkins and Staff Sgt. Sascha Roberson

509th Security Forces Squadron — Stacie Toole

509th Communications Squadron — Tech. Sgt. Timothy Hughes

509th Medical Group — Staff Sgt. Simone Lewis

509th Operations Support Squadron — Master Sgt. Pierre Charles and Airman Jermain Collins

325th Bomb Squadron — Capt. Jonathan Eckerman

393rd BS — Staff Sgt. Brett Bateman

509th Maintenance Squadron — Staff Sgt. Mike Vess, and Senior Airmen Bionca Moore and Joseph Weir

509th Logistics Readiness Squadron — Chief Master Sgt. Roy Erickson, Master Sgt. Luz Nixon, Tech. Sgts. Steven Eggers, Floyd Madden and Brian McGee, and Airman 1st Class Eric Dobbins

509th Munitions Squadron — Master Sgt. Ray Guest, Staff Sgt. Melissa Sprague and Senior Airman Jennifer Hargett

72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron — Master Sgt. Jeffery Folsom

There will be a limited number of tax forms and publications available at the office. Forms and publications are available online at <http://www.irs.gov>. Additionally, customers must provide copies of required documents to submit to the Internal Revenue Service because the tax advisers won't be able to make copies at the tax center.

Contact your unit tax representative before scheduling an appointment at the tax office. If you don't have a unit tax representative, you can call the Whiteman Tax Office directly at 687-3800 beginning Monday to schedule an appointment. (Courtesy of the 509th Bomb Wing Legal Office)



Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Tech. Sgt. Deborah Jackson, 509th Bomb Wing Tax Assistance Office coordinator, reviews Volunteer Income Tax Assistance applications.

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Photo by Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp

Tech. Sgt. Angela Catchings, 509th Security Forces Squadron, said she wears earrings to work every day.

1st Sergeant's View

(Editor's note: The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to remind people of correct uniform wear, customs and courtesies, and proper military decorum. Each week, a different first sergeant will share their view.)

By Master Sgt. Robert Lawrence
509th Security Forces Squadron
Additional Duty First Sergeant

It seems the men and women of Whiteman are up to speed on the Air Force's instruction to properly wear earrings. Still, every now and then I notice our people displaying their ear piercings improperly while on base.

Air Force Instruction 36-2903, Dress

and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel, states while in uniform or civilian attire for official duty, women are authorized to wear one small spherical, conservative, pierced or clip earring per earlobe. The earring may be diamond, gold, white pearl or silver. Matching earrings must be worn and should fit tightly without extending below the earlobe.

While off duty on a military installation piercing of earlobes should not be extreme or excessive. The style of earrings should be conservative and kept within sensible limits.

As for our men in the military, wear of earrings is not authorized on or off duty while on a military installation.

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Whiteman skills development center offers crafts, car repair, classes



Rachel Van Slambrook, customer, shops at the skills development center's craft store.



Vickie Everett, wife of Capt. Brian Everett, 509th Medical Operations Squadron, adds gold lining to a stained glass panel.

Upcoming classes

Stained glass kaleidoscope making
Spinning and dying wool
Basket weaving
Children's arts and crafts
Stained glass garden bench making
Photography
Rock painting
Pottery
Portrait drawing
For more information, call 687-5691



Auto repair mechanic Frank Judkins changes car oil. The auto skills center allows patrons to use the repair equipment or ask for help from an auto mechanic. In addition to the auto skills center, the skills development center is comprised of the multi-craft center and a car wash. The multi-craft center functions as an art studio providing tools and supplies for different artwork.



Photos by Airman Joe Laddan

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Jay Osterhout, 509th Bomb Wing, and his wife, Christy, draw preliminary sketches for a class project. The skills development center offers classes like framing, stepping stone making, stained glass window-fused glass and scrapbook classes.



Skills development center director Karen Gorden shows a finished frame to Master Sgt. Candy Gatewood, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron. The center offers various matting and frame options for artwork.



Multi-craft manager Sonia Smithers places an Air Force scrapbook album cover on a rack.



A stained glass B-2 is one of many items students can create in the stained glass window class, which takes place 6-9 p.m. Thursdays.

What's Happening

Education

For more details, visit the education center Web site at <https://www.mil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm>

Spouse scholarship available

The Aerospace Education Foundation offers an Air Force Spouse Scholarship program to encourage Air Force active duty, Air National Guard or Air Force Reserve spouses to pursue associate/bachelor undergraduate or graduate/postgraduate degrees. A \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to 30 applicants.

The submission deadline is Jan. 31. Applicants will be notified by the foundation and scholarships will be awarded in March. Information sheets and applications are available at the base training and education services office or at the foundation's Web site at <http://www.aef.org>. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-5750.

Community

Tobacco-cessation class set

The health and wellness center offers a series of tobacco cessation classes: noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, 12 and 19. To register, call 687-7662.

Committee volunteers needed

The woman's history month committee seeks volunteers to help organize events in March. For more details, call 1st Lt. Marsha Kollmansberger at 687-4194.

ALS sets Class 03-B events

✓ The airman leadership school Class 03-B retreat ceremony begins at 4 p.m. Jan. 31 at the flagpole at Bldg. 509. Participants must be in place by 3:45 p.m.

✓ Reveille begins at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 6 at the ALS drill pad. Arrival time is 7:25 a.m.

✓ Graduation begins at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 6 at Mission's End. Speaker is former Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force James McCoy.

The meal is chicken alfredo with vegetables. Cost is \$12.35 for members and \$14.35 for nonmembers. Dress is mess dress or semi-formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from members of Class 03-B.

Bonds holding increases

Department of Treasury officials recently announced that the minimum holding period for Series EE and I bonds increases from six to 12 months beginning Feb. 1. This means people who purchase EE or I bonds on or after Feb. 1 must wait one year before they may redeem those bonds. People who purchase bonds will receive a notification of this new policy with their bonds until the current preprinted bond stock reflects the change. For more details, visit <http://www.savingsbonds.gov>.

MEO collects cell phones

The military equal opportunity office is sponsoring its second annual cell phone drive. This national program collects unused cell phones for distribution to victims of domestic violence throughout the United States. Phones are reprogrammed to dial 911 and other assistance numbers with free airtime provided by wireless carriers. Phones can be taken to the MEO office until

March 7. For more details, call 687-5742.

Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 660-747-2012.

Looking for employment?

A seminar to help people locate jobs on base and in the local community begins at 9 a.m. Wednesday. Reservations are encouraged.

Class helps with move

A mandatory smooth move seminar for people planning to move stateside or overseas begins at 1 p.m. Tuesday. Facilitators will discuss the financial benefits associated with moving and provide a variety of useful resources. Orders aren't necessary. Spouses are encouraged to attend. Reservations are required.

Pre-separation briefing set

A pre-separation briefing for people separating from the military begins at 9 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserve and finance will provide



Photo by Airman 1st Class Nick Martin

Ready, set, bowl

Airman 1st Class Iris Vela, 509th Maintenance Squadron, bowls during Stars and Strikes' Airman's Night Jan 17.

information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing.

Deployed family program set

A get together for families of deployed and remote members begins at 11 a.m. Saturday. Psychologist Gary Kitto will be on hand to discuss stress, change and coping strategies. On-site child care and lunch will be provided. Reservations are required.

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Menus

Ozark Inn and Touch & Go

Saturday

Lunch: Baked chicken and rib eye steak
Dinner: Baked fish, chicken stir fry and pork chops

Sunday

Lunch: Barbecued chicken and tuna noodle casserole
Dinner: Chicken parmesan, fried shrimp and lasagna

Monday

Lunch: Swiss steak, knockwurst and baked chicken
Dinner: Baked ham, roast turkey, fish and fries

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Tuesday

Yakisoba, salisbury steak and baked fish
 Paprika beef, chop suey and fried chicken

Wednesday

Cajun meal
 Pineapple chicken, pita pizza, beef and corn pie

Thursday

Liver and onion, Chinese five spice and fried fish
 Pepper steak and orange spice pork chops

Jan. 31

Beef and corn pie, paprika steak and pasta with

Dinner:

clam sauce
 Chipper fish, corn beef and pineapple chicken

Whiteman Elementary School

Monday:

Hot dog, french fries, beans and cake
 Pizza, salad, corn and fruit cobbler

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Chicken strips, mashed potatoes with gravy, spinach, fruit and roll
 Hamburger, potato rounds, beans and cookie

Thursday:

Jan. 31:

Taco salad, corn, peaches and cinnamon twist

Knob Noster Middle School

Monday:

Hamburger or cheese burger, seasoned fries, corn and orange slices

Tuesday:

Barbecued chicken drumstick, green beans, peaches and cake

Wednesday:

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, juice and roll

Thursday:

Chicken strips, macaroni and cheese, salad and strawberry fluff

Jan. 31:

Corn dog, baked beans, pears and banana cake

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Bombers three-point shooter honors mother with career

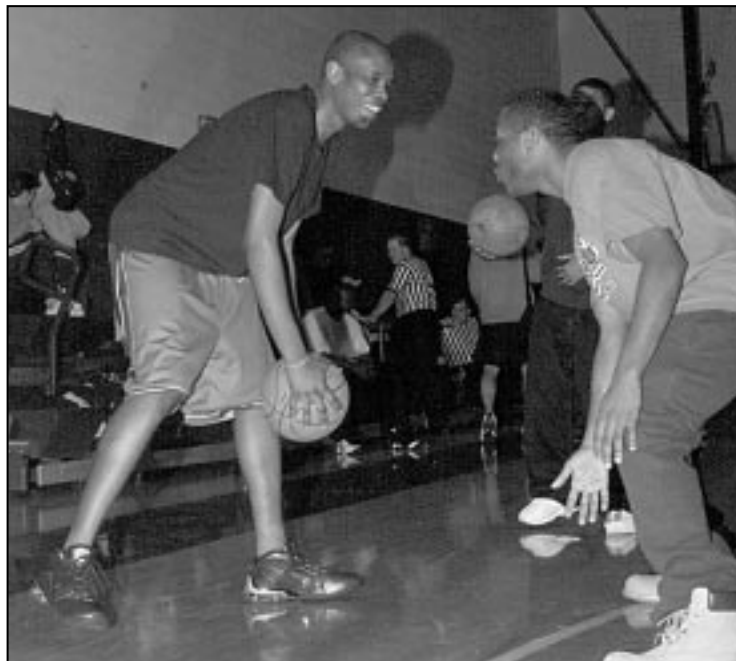


Photo by Airman Joe Lacdan

Whiteman Bombers guard/forward David Bullock squares up against teammate Steven Wiley in a pickup game at the fitness center.

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Public Affairs

Playing basketball with friends spawned dreams of playing in the NCAA for teenagers growing up in small rural towns of southern North Carolina. For Whiteman Bombers player and North Carolina native David Bullock, playing the game helped convince him to join the Air Force and do something special for his mother.

"Around my junior year (of high school) I became interested in joining the Air Force," said Bullock, a 509th Munitions Squadron member. "Most of the people I played ball with weren't really doing anything, so I figured going into the Air Force would be the best way to make my momma proud."

Joy Bullock never hesitated to go the extra mile for David and his older brother, Terry. After the boys' father died, when David was 3, she raised them by herself. She worked six days a week as a nurse at the local clinic in Lumberton, N.C.

David said his mother wanted the best for her children and remained dedicated to their activities. He said his mother would even wake up at midnight to pick him up from school when his high school basketball team returned from a game late.

"She never complained," David said. "I never knew how hard she had it until I was older. She always sacrificed what she was doing just to buy me and my brother

clothes."

Bullock said he wanted to do something to honor his mother after he graduated from high school. For a young basketball player like Bullock, the way to make a life for himself would be through attending college or basketball. He wanted neither. He said he anxiously read brochures and pamphlets about joining the Air Force.

Today, between his duties as a member of the 509th MUNS commander's support staff and playing basketball, he makes regular calls home to make sure his mother's doing well.

He said since he enlisted in the Air Force in July 2000 he tries to help his mother out any way he can — either financially or emotionally — to repay her for her years of love and dedication.

While his career takes first priority, Bullock still manages to get in as many basketball games as he can. He leads the Whiteman Bombers in three-point shooting this winter, connecting on 45 percent (9 of 20) of his shots. His quick release often catches opponents off guard, said Bombers coach Andy Heo, 509th Communications Squadron.

"He can make (shooting) look pretty effortless," Heo said. "He can catch and fire pretty easily."

He provides matchup problems when taking the shooting guard spot because of his height and long arms.

"His potential is through the roof," Heo said.



Photos by Airman Joe Lacdan

509th MXS gets first intramural win

The 509th Maintenance Squadron intramural basketball team defeated 509th Operations Support Squadron 37-35 to earn its first victory of the season Jan. 16.

The 509th MXS (1-4) led 23-21 at halftime and 31-28 after three quarters. Pete Engbretsen, 509th MXS coach, said big rebounding efforts from big men Ray

White and Clay Farris made the difference in the close game.

Above: 509th OSS player Bruce Turner fakes out Clay Farris and Hay White with a no-look pass.

Right: Lomond Johnson, center, drives to the basket as Clay Farris (34) attempts to block Johnson's shot.





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Mission's End 687-4422

Super Bowl party

Club members can watch the Super Bowl game at 4 p.m. Sunday. Free food, special drinks and free giveaways will be offered, as well as the game on 11 televisions. Sponsored in part by Budweiser. No federal endorsement of sponsor intended.

Fitness Center 687-5496

Holiday rebound challenge

Exercise enthusiasts can sign up for the Holiday Rebound Challenge through March 31. Two different cardiovascular machines will be introduced each month. Call for more details.

Aerobics instructors needed

Positions are available for aerobics instructors beginning Feb. 1. For more details, call 687-5565.

Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

Climbing wall

Get certified to climb the wall 6-8 p.m. Jan. 31 or 1-3 p.m. Feb. 1. Certifications are required to use the climbing facility. Wall climbing is available during business hours.

Ice sports arena

Meet at outdoor recreation and travel to Shawnee, Kan., 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Feb. 8 to ice skate. The cost is \$8. Bring extra money for lunch at Wendy's and snacks.



Community Center 687-5617

Valentines to go

Prepare a Valentine's card for airmen abroad by Monday. The community center will send them to Whiteman's troops.

What have we done for you lately?

Learn about the services offered at the community center 1-4 p.m. Saturday. Tickets and Travel will introduce upcoming group and individual packages. Refreshments will be provided. Door prizes will be given away.

Party silly with football and chili

Prepare your best chili for a contest at 4 p.m. Sunday and watch the Super Bowl game on two big-screen TVs and the 8-by-9 ballroom screen. Chili will be judged and eaten on-site, along with hotdogs, chips and soda. Bring snacks. Sponsored in part by Pepsi and Kraft. No federal endorsement of sponsors intended.



Bargains on sale



Jim Casey, manager of the The Nonappropriated Funds Resale Store, shows a customer some furniture.

The NAF Resale Store is open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday. Military I.D. card holders can purchase used furniture at the store. The store is located behind outdoor recreation. Credit cards are not accepted.

Family Child Care 687-5590

Extended duty child care

Register now for the free extended duty child care program. It's available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in family child care homes to augment your regular care arrangements. Call for more details.

Ozark Inn 687-5476

Family night

Families of deployed members can dine 4-8 p.m. Tuesdays. A surcharge will be applied to families of staff sergeants and above. Prices vary. Children's menus are available. Cash only please.

Stars & Strikes Bowling Center 687-5114

Weekly breakfast drawing

Visit the snack bar 6:30-9:30 a.m. weekdays for breakfast. Place your daily breakfast receipt in a weekly drawing held each Friday. The winner receives free breakfast, up to a \$4 value. Customers who stop in 6:30-7:30 a.m. receive a free coffee or half-price cappacino with order. The fifth customer receives 30 percent off a single person bill.

Skills Development 687-5691

Six-week stained glass panel class

Learn to make stained glass panels 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. The cost is \$45 plus supplies. Students are welcome to join any Thursday.

Hurry!!

Receive 25 percent off scrap-booking and stamping supplies.
The sale ends Jan. 31
at skills development center.

Teen Center 687-5819

Club days

Teens can play chess Tuesdays, video games Wednesdays, and cards and board games Thursdays. Games begin at 5 p.m. each day. It's free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.

Friday night football flick

Teens can watch a football movie and have popcorn at 7 p.m. Jan. 31. It's free for members and \$1 for nonmembers.

Job shadow day

Teens can visit the Warrensburg Wal-Mart manager 8:30 a.m.-noon Feb. 8 to learn details of the operations. This is free for the first 13 teens to register.

Youth Center 687-5586

Winter craft day

Building Responsible Individuals of Deployed Guardians Everywhere

Children 5-12 can make free winter crafts 3-5 p.m. Saturdays. Call each Monday for reservations. Open to children of deployed military members.

Before- and after-school program

The youth center has openings in the before- and after-school programs 6:30-8:15 a.m. and 3:10-6 p.m. weekdays. Care is provided on out-of-school days and early-out days, except federal holidays. Program fees are based on total family income. Call for more details.

Basketball officials needed

Volunteer officials are needed to support the upcoming youth sports basketball program. Contact Sarah Mueller, youth sports director, at 687-3199.

Winter wonderland

Kindergartners through fourth graders can make a winter craft and enjoy snow cones in the gym 6:30-9:30 p.m. Jan. 31. The cost is \$4 for members and \$5.50 for nonmembers.

Torch Club meeting

Fifth through seventh graders can discuss upcoming pre-teen events 5-6 p.m. Feb. 1. This is a leadership and community service club.

Hangout

Fifth through seventh graders can enjoy a night of fun 6-9 p.m. Feb. 1. The cost is \$2 for members and \$3 for nonmembers.

Whiteman Base Theater

Friday

Solaris PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring -- George Clooney & Steven Soderbergh
A psychologist arrives at a space station, only to find that his liaison is dead. The man, head of an expedition to the ocean world below known as Solaris, died mysteriously. His death brings other mysterious events, such as the appearance of crew and friends who have long since passed away.

Saturday

Eight Crazy Nights PG-13 7 p.m.

Starring -- Adam Sandler & Kevin Nealon
Davey is lurching down a wayward path. He's facing prison when Whitey proposes that Davey work with him at the community center as a referee for the local basketball league. The true test is whether Davey can rise above his self-destructive habits.

Sunday

Hot Chick PG-13 5:30 p.m.

Starring -- Rob Schneider & Rachel McAdams
A "popular, yet mean-spirited" teenage girl wakes up one day to find herself turned into a man. Along the way to finding out how she ended up like that, she discovers how shallow and cruel she's always been.

Adults \$3 Youth \$1.50

Movie recording line 687-5110

Movies are subject to change due to availability